

to publicize this particular issue. And the apprehension is that there may be negative publicity or publicity that may not be as favorable as the athletic department would want. I think it is totally unfair of the athletic department to take that stance. Senator Chambers has been fully honest and fair about this bill. He has allowed amendments to be added to it. It will not have any effect on NCAA eligibility and I think it is totally unfair at this late date to say because of some kind of unknown fear about adverse publicity that we should not pass the bill. As a matter of fact, if we consider the symbolic impact it would have, it even makes me feel more strongly about passing the bill because Sports Illustrated is here...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...the media are following this issue and (recorder malfunction)...the passage of it will have a symbolic effect and I urge you to reconsider it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this reconsideration motion. I know that Senator Chambers has worked long and hard on this and the Legislature spent a lot of time on this too. I think this is the third or fourth time around, but I'm surprised that Senator Chambers keeps pushing this because I certainly believe it is unconstitutional. I just can't see how we can pass a law that says it will pay men football players when we don't do anything about the women athletic teams and I'm surprised that he didn't research that more. Also, what are we going to do about our basketball players and our baseball players and our track team and all the women's teams, the members of these teams? I know that there has to be 30 votes to reconsider it and I can't see how Senator Chambers can get 30 votes because there were only 24 that voted for it yesterday. There has been some things said that, well, the university officials support it. Well, they certainly, I feel, would have to support it because there again we set their budget for them and that budget is nearly \$200 million. So I'm sure that they would say and they would tell Senator Chambers, yes, we'll go ahead and support it but I doubt that deep in their heart whether they would care to do this. I just feel that we have no business telling the NCAA what to do. This is an organization of the various schools and I think they have the abilities to set their own rules and